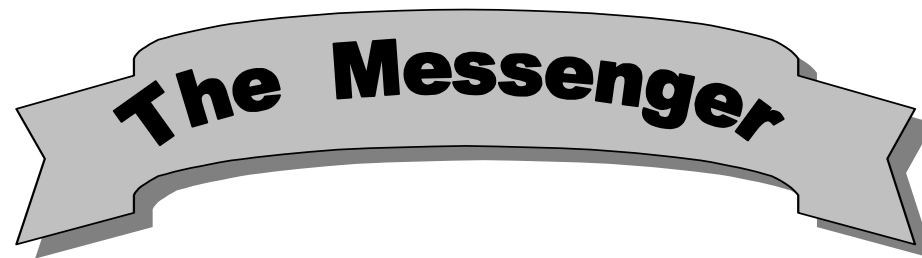


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Associational Prayer Requests

Please pray for these churches that are without a pastor. Also pray for their Pastor Search Committee:

Alpine, Brecon FBC, Mignon, Oldfield, Shelvin Rock, Talladega Creek, Union Springs and Westside

Churches with Interim Pastors:
Cartersville: Rev. Harold Bannister
Five Points: Rev. Joshua Bell
Mountain View: Rev. Roger Singleton
Rocky Mount: Rev. John Vogel
Southside: Rev. Josh Henderson

Rev. Paul Hickman in the recent death of his mother, Woodie Hickman Glenn, on August 5. Brother Paul is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Childersburg.

Local schools, teachers and students as they return to school for the new school year. Pray for the Lord's protection from COVID-19 for the students, teachers, and administrators.

Tobie Lynn Strickland, granddaughter of Rev. Tommy Strickland, was recently transferred to Children's Hospital. She was born prematurely on January 10, 2020. Pray that the Lord would heal her body so that she can be released from the hospital. Brother Tommy is the pastor of Ridgeview Baptist Church.

News from our Churches

Odena: Odena Baptist Church has called Rev. Wesley Johnson to be their new pastor. He began his pastorate on August 24, 2020.

Talladega Creek: Rev. Wes Johnson has resigned as the pastor of Talladega Creek Baptist Church. Pray for this church as they begin to search for another pastor.



To the following Coosa River pastors, ministers, staff members and spouses:
Aug 27-Travis Mizzell, Browns Chapel
Aug 28-Freda Hammonds, Refuge
Aug 31-Betty Ricks, Shelvin Rock
Sept 2-Jonja Collier, Browns Chapel;
Carol Green, Shelvin Rock
Sept 5-Barry Saffold, Shelvin Rock
Sept 6-Blake Matson, New Hope
Sept 7-Charlene Buttram, Oak Grove FBC; Beverly Brock, Dry Valley
Sept 9-Wanda Lawrence, Village Street

The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering is a statewide strategy to help support the ongoing ministry of the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions. This year's Week of Prayer emphasis for the State Missions offering is **September 13-20**. The gifts given by our churches will support several Great Commission ministries, including: Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Church Revitalization, Alabama WMU, and Partnership Missions. This year's goal is \$1.2 million. To learn more about the Myers-Mallory Offering, or to receive resources to promote the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

in your church, contact the office of the Alabama WMU at 1-800-264-1225.

The Coosa River Associational Annual Meeting is fast approaching (**October 18**). Our Leadership Team is diligently working out the details concerning this year's meeting in light of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Our September 10 newsletter will announce the decision and process for this year's meeting. Please watch for future details.

Joanie (my wife) invites **ALL minister wives** to our home (the Director Of Missions home next

to the Coosa River Baptist Association Office) on **Saturday, August 29**, for a time to meet one another and fellowship. The event will be from 8am to 10am (so that it doesn't take too much time out of your Saturday). If you will be attending, please **RSVP by Wednesday, August 26**, by calling Joanie at (256) 452-2902. Also, please be sure you wear a mask!

Blessings,
Brother Stan

Important Announcements

Prayerwalk Report

Coosa River Association in conjunction with the Coosa River WMU sponsored a prayerwalk around public schools on Saturday, August 1, 2020. Some churches took their Wednesday evening services to walk and pray around their local schools,

We received word at the association office that **102 people from 9 churches** participated in this years Prayerwalk. This is well under the number of 325 who participated last year. Please call Linda at 256-362-7173 to report how many people from your church participated in the Prayerwalk.



WMU Annual Meeting

Our associational WMU will hold their Annual Meeting at Stockdale Baptist Church on **Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM**.

Candace McIntosh, Executive Director of Alabama WMU, will be the featured speaker. She will bring words of encouragement during this difficult time. Anne Churchwell, associational WMU Director, will "retire" from her position at the conclusion of the meeting. New officers will be elected. Social distancing will be maintained. Masks are encouraged. However, no food will be served following the meeting.

Make your plans now to attend this important meeting.

Samford Ministry Training Institute Fall Classes

Samford University's Ministry Training Institute began its fall classes on Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Rev. Robert Klotz will teach the *Book of Hebrews*, beginning at 6 PM each Tuesday and continuing for 8 weeks.

Rev. Heath Walton will teach *The Gospels* beginning on October 27 and continuing for 8 weeks. The cost of each class is \$50 plus \$10 registration fee assessed once each semester.

To register for these classes go to www.samford.edu/go/mti. You can register and pay for each class there.

Annuals are ready

Coosa River Association annuals produced after the last Annual Meeting are ready to be picked up at the association office. Annuals for the following churches have not yet been picked up: Blue Eye; Cragdale; Pleasant Grove; *Stemley; *Stockdale; Sycamore; Sylcauga FBC; *Westside.

Annuals may be picked up during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. * indicates payment is needed.



Bulletin Board

August 29

Back Poarch Conversations for ministry wives.

September 13-20

Week of Prayer for the Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering

September 14

WMU Annual Meeting at Stockdale Baptist Church at 6:30 PM

September 24

Church Profiles are due

October 18

187th Annual Meeting at Eastaboga Baptist Church

October 26-29

Collection week for Christmas Backpacks. Bring during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Other hours by appointment. Call 256-362-7173 for more information.

Publication Deadline

The Messenger is published on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Do you have an announcement or event that you would like to have covered in an upcoming edition of *The Messenger*? Contact Linda at the Coosa River office by the **first or third Monday** of each month. Phone: (256) 362-7173 Fax: (256) 268-8803 E-mail: lcotton@crba.org